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This book offers a look at those men and women who have made history with their innovative ideas, entrepreneurial daring, and abilities to take the seemingly impossible and make it real. While not every person in the book is well known, many are household names. Their successes, the diversity of their backgrounds, and the talents that these individuals have honed to get to the apex of U.S. inventive and entrepreneurial society ensure that their stories will inspire future generations of innovators. The book offers a glimpse into the lives and achievements of 280+ individuals who have played a significant role in making the United States the most prosperous country in the world. It is intended for any reader with an interest in U.S. business, U.S. history, or the history of innovation and invention. It contains a general bibliography; two subject indexes that list entries by invention/business type and year of birth; a comprehensive index; and 50 photographs depicting these varied individuals. Individuals profiled in the book include: Wally Amos, Bill Gates, Thomas Alva Edison, Walt Disney, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington Carver, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, William Randolph Hearst, Candido Jacuzzi, Vince McMahon, Muriel Siebert, Martha Stewart, Ted Turner, and Oprah Winfrey. (BT)

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